Setting up of credit Body for Self-employed Women

*10. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer the reply of unstarred question 1003 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the report of the National Commission on Self-Employed Women for the setting up of an exclusive credit body for the poor and self-employed women, which may be effectively linked with voluntary agenices;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to implement the recommendation and with what results; and

(c) what has been the State-wise response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The recommendation of the National Commission on Self-employed Women, regarding the setting up of an exclusive credit body for poor and self-employed women has been examined.

(b) It was felt that such an organisation will not reach the large number of poor and needy women all over the country requiring credit facilities without an extensive infrastructure which would be unwieldly and expensive. It was, therefore, considered better to motivate and sensitise the existing banking system to become more responsive to women's needs by opening special centres, branches etc. to attend to their needs.

(c) The question does not arise.

Supply of Arms from USA to Pakistan

*11. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL;
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bush administration has notified U. S. Congress of its plans to sell both F-16s and it's best front-line tank, the M-1A1 to Pakistan, if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard; whether the matter has been taken up with U. S. Government, if so, what is their response; and

(b) whether Pakistan has asked U. S. for 60 more F-16 fighters, if so, whether the issue has been discussed with Pak Government to convey India's concern about its impact on Indo-Pak relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) No notification has so far been made by the Bush Administration on arms supply to Pakistan. Pakistan's pending demands were listed by the earlier Administration on which the present Administration is to take a decision. However, the Government have already conveyed its concern to the US over the further supply of F-16s to Pakistan. The US Government have stated that no decision has so far been taken in this regard and that such supplies involve lengthy procedures.

(b) Such a request has been made. The Government of Pakistan are aware of our concerns in this regard.

Declaration of Rivers Godavari and Krishna as National Waterways

*12. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 15 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to speed up the hydrog-

raphic surveys/techno-economic studies to declare Godavari and Krishna rivers as National Waterways; and

(b) whether the Soviet Government has agreed to assist India in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Hydrographic Surveys and Techno-economic feasibility studies on Godavari and Krishna Rivers are being carried out by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh. As stated in relpy (given below in the statement) to the question dated 2-11-88, Hydrographic Study on Godavari has been completed. However, Hydrographic Surveys on Krishna and Techno-economic studies on Godavari and Krishna rivers are in progress. The State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has been asked for early completion of works.

(b) There is no such proposal.

Statement

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In addition to Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly and Brahmaputra a few other waterways namely the Sunderbans, West Coast (Quilon-Cochin section), Godavari, Krishna, Narmada, Mahanadi, Tapi and river Mandovi, Zuari and Cumberjua canal have been identified for consideration for declaration as National Waterways.

(c) Certain stretches of the existing waterways are already nevigable and movement of vessels has been taking place.

(d) and (e) The details of hydrographic survey and techno-economic studies on these waterways are given below:-

S.No.	Waterway	Hydrographic Surveys	Techno-economic studies
1.	Sunderbans	Partly completed.	In progress.
2.	West Coast Canal (Quilon-Cochin Section)	Completed.	Completed.
3.	Godavari.	Completed.	In progress.
4.	Krishna	In progress.	In progress.
5.	Narmada		
6.	Mahanadi	The work on these	
7.	Tapi	waterways is not	
8.	Rivers Mandovi, Zuari and Cumberjua canal	included in VIIth Plan.	

Introduction of 10+2 Scheme in the Country

* 13. DR ABRAR AHMED KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new 10+2 scheme has been implemented by all the States; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what are the criteria for implementing the said scheme and whether it is introduced from class 9 onwards or from higher classes as well;

(c) whether Government have issued any directives to the State Government regarding the said scheme; and

(d) whether the Rajasthan Government is bringing those students also under the said scheme, who had already